

I. Amendments to the Specification

Kindly amend paragraphs [0058] and [0069] as follows:

[0058] A first mold half 8 is secured to the stationary platen 14 and a second mold half 10 is secured to the moving platen ~~14~~ 16. The first mold half 8 is a cavity and the second mold half 10 is a core. Alternatively, the first mold half 8 is a core and the second mold half 10 is a cavity. The first mold half 8 communicates with a channel formed in the stationary platen 14 to receive the molten material from the injection unit 4. The first mold half 8 and the second mold half 10 form a mold for defining a part.

[0069] When the bottom shoe assembly 30 and bottom wear pad 32 are located at the distant end of the tie bar member ~~20a~~ 20c at the maximum day light position, the leading edge 42 of the bottom wear pad 32 is subjected to higher stress than the trailing edge 44 due to the bending of the tie bar member 20c. In this configuration, the distant end of the tie bar member 20c tends to deflect away from the trailing edge 44 of the bottom wear pad 32 concentrating the force on a smaller area near the leading edge 44 of the bottom wear pad 32.